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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



All prices were generally higher. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand ranged light to good, and was best for larger sizes and in many areas where feature activity stimulated additional interest. Supplies were tight on the West Coast; elsewhere, the larger sizes were usually tight to adequate, and the balance was generally adequate. Most breakers were satisfied with supplies from regular commitments, and the undertone was steady. Light type hens continued ample to burdensome for processors' needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices ranged 2 to 4 cents higher for the large sizes, and mediums were 1 cent higher. In Boston, prices ranged 3 to 6 cents higher for the large sizes and mediums were unchanged to 1 cent higher. In New England, prices were 2 cents higher for the large sizes and unchanged for mediums and smalls. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand was light to good, better where items were featured and in resort areas. Jumbos and extra large were tight, large were generally adequate, and the smaller sizes were mixed. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were fully sufficient for the usually light demand. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome.

**NEW YORK** Prices were two cents higher for extra large and large and one cent higher for mediums. The market tone was fully steady for mediums and firm for the larger sizes. Retail demand was light to good, best where items were featured. In the local area, large 18 pack eggs were advertised for 99 cents with a limit of four. Supplies were tight for the larger sizes and mixed for mediums.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were higher for large and medium, unchanged for smalls. In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin cities advanced on the larger sizes, smalls unchanged. Prices in major Ohio cities were higher for the larger sizes and mediums, unchanged for small. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were mostly adequate with the larger sizes in close position. Central States nest run breaking stock price were unchanged. Trading and demand continued light with most breakers content with regular commitments. Offerings were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large advanced 3 cents, mediums 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, mostly moderate and best into planned or in progress features. Feature noted on extra large, two dozen for \$1.00. Supplies in close balance to barley adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was generally good entering the week, and was enhanced where feature activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies of the larger sizes were tight to close balanced, and medium eggs were usually no more than adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 09, 1999, was 42.67 cents, .43 cents lower than the week before, and 18.31 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light demand. Spent hen availability was ample for immediate slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small in California; 8 cents higher on the large sizes, 5 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 18% lower than last week with California down 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 24%. Retailer demand good where features planned, moderate otherwise. Offerings short of full needs from both inside and outside the region.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	87-92	77-82	56-58
New York	60-62	57-60	41-44
Philadelphia	50-60	48-58	36-41
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	45-46	43.5-45	30-31
Jackson (1)	58-59	52-53	39-40
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-66	50-64	37-51
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	47-52	46-51	31-36
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	27-30
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-47	41-45	26-31
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-56	46-53	31-38
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	63-66	58-61	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	74	59
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 14% lower than last week. Retailer demand good where features planned, moderate elsewhere. Offerings short. Small invoice price 39. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 2 for \$3.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	74
MEDIUM	59

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-261
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-233
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	175-219
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	119-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 16, 1999 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 09, 1999 were 271,939 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 9 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	232,593	39,346	271,939
% change from the prior week.....	+7	-7	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for current needs. Trading and demand continued light with most breakers content with regular commitments. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	20-22	21
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	7-9	8

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and seasonal as offerings were usually ample for processors needs. Schedules were normal to heavy. The undertone was mixed and unsettled, but still mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18.5	15-17	15.93
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-19.5	15-17.5	15.66

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM July 12 1999

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.6	6.4	2.9	5.9	5.7 24.5
	Change	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-2.6	-0.4 -14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	13.4	17.4	4.7	11.9	12.0 59.4
	Change	-5.2	-5.7	-2.6	-3.6	-8.3 -30%
Large	Curr Wk	24.8	40.3	30.0	34.4	50.4 179.9
	Change	-9.9	-14.7	-6.6	-5.9	-20.1 -24%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.2	25.0	12.5	23.4	22.3 101.4
	Change	6.1	2.1	0.0	2.2	0.4 12%
Small	Curr Wk	7.2	11.3	4.4	9.7	7.5 40.1
	Change	0.5	1.4	0.1	2.6	2.7 22%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	12.9	9.1	9.4	6.2 43.1
	Change	-0.5	1.2	0.1	1.8	0.8 9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	54.9	14.1	30.8	37.7 160.5
	Change	-10.1	-5.2	2.6	-0.8	-5.9 -11%
Total	Curr Wk	95.7	168.2	77.7	125.5	141.8 608.9
Percent	Change	-17%	-11%	-8%	-5%	-18% -12%
TOTAL		Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		

Shell Egg	608.9	-12%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	487.7	-4%	40
Total Shell Egg	1096.6	-9%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 01, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 01, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/09/99

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	31.00	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	12.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	43.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		DST		
GNR W 1	33.00	45.15	34.50	36.00	43.31	45.00	19.00		GNR W 1	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR W 3	—	29.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.00	—	2.00		GNR BR 1	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	18.50	21.00	3.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	56.75	—	56.75	3.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	37.00	40.00	—	—	2.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	54.25	4.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	48.00	—	3.00										
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	4.00										
GL W SM	—	—	18.00	19.50	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/05/99 - 07/09/99

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	81.00	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	39.50	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	120.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.25	41.86	29.25	31.46	43.06	45.00	53.50		GNR W 1	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	38.00	—	—	3.00		GNR W 3	—	26.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	22.75	21.00	23.30	10.00		GNR BR 1	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	19.00	20.50	17.96	20.54	7.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	56.75	—	56.75	—	4.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	35.83	37.50	—	—	3.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	54.25	5.00			
GL W XL	—	43.00	—	—	50.00	—	5.50		GL W MD	22.00	—	21.00	—	21.00	26.00	4.00			
GL W LG	—	40.71	32.50	34.00	46.00	—	9.75												
GL W MD	—	24.00	19.20	20.60	—	27.00	9.75												
GL W SM	19.00	20.50	18.10	19.50	—	—	6.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.75	17.25	—	—	1.00												

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 06/27/99 - 07/03/99**

Origin State	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	PA	TX	UT	WA	WI
N. CA	780	-	420	-	-	-	-	2,278	-	-	1,693	-	-
C. CA	834	-	850	-	-	800	-	-	-	-	-	528	-
S. CA	4,392	810	2,360	950	1,730	3,763	7,525	-	1,903	5,161	2,375	-	1,276
TOTAL	6,006	810	3,630	950	1,730	4,563	7,525	2,278	1,903	5,161	4,068	528	1,276

N. CA TOTAL:	5,171	C. CA TOTAL:	3,012	S. CA TOTAL:	32,245	TOTAL STATE:	40,428
MILITARY	-0-						

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
116-119	73-76	63-66	37-40	16-19

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-55	43-49	41-46	25-30	20-24

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
27-29	13-15	7-9

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56.88	46.61	40.34

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/05/99	6/28/99	7/13/98
PACIFIC COAST	187	60	5
LOS ANGELES	168	36	5

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR July 7, 1999:

CARTONS	WTG AVG
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EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.40
MEDIUM	124-139	133.46
SMALL	106-109	108.48

Receipts from the mainland: 6/27/99-7/3/99  
30-dozen cases 3,333

Receipts from the mainland: 6/20/99-6/26/99  
30-dozen cases 2,285

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